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24-HOUR REPORT

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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oroville – Six Individuals Arrested for Suspected Trespassing, Illegal Marijuana Cultivation

(U) Butte County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested six individuals on suspicion of various charges including trespassing and tending to illegal marijuana grows. The arrests were made after a Bear Fire evacuee observed an individual trespassing on his property from home surveillance footage. Detectives investigated and discovered multiple suspects engaged in illegal marijuana cultivation on several properties. The suspects were booked on unlawful entry and conspiracy.

SOURCE: 15 September 2020, [Chico Enterprise Record](#)

(U) San Jose – Two Dead, Four Wounded in Shooting at Vigil near San Jose State University

(U) Two people were killed, and four others injured when a gunman opened fire on a crowd gathered next to a sidewalk memorial for a traffic accident victim in a neighborhood near San Jose State University. As a crowd gathered at the vigil, witnesses said a gunman drove up in a white car and opened fire on the crowd. Investigators advised that no suspects have been identified or apprehended at this time. The motive and circumstances surrounding the incident also remained under investigation.

SOURCE: 16 September 2020, [CBS Bay Area](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – Border Patrol Arrests Nearly 50 Undocumented Immigrants

(U) Phoenix – At least 50 undocumented immigrants have been arrested after Border Patrol agents helped serve a search warrant at two locations in Phoenix. The situation initially started as an investigation with the Drug Enforcement Administration for possible cartel-related activities. The investigation led officials to concluding that human smuggling and drug trafficking were likely occurring at the two locations. A search warrant was issued, leading to several dozens of individuals taken into custody.

SOURCE: 16 September 2020, [Fox 10 Phoenix](#)

(U) California – CBP Officers Find \$3.9 Million Worth of Meth, Cocaine at Tecate Crossing

(U) San Diego – US Customs and Border (CBP) Protection officers found 560 pounds of methamphetamine and cocaine, worth nearly \$4 million, cemented inside several quartz at a cargo crossing at the Tecate Port of Entry. Officers broke open the boulders after becoming suspicious of a big rig hauling what its manifest listed as "multiple tons of beach pebbles and stone." Cemented inside the boulders, officers found 229 packages of illicit drugs.

SOURCE: 15 September 2020, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) New Mexico – ICE, Border Patrol Arrest 57 in Smuggling Scheme Linked to Migrant Stash House

(U) Chaparral – CBP and ICE agents found 48 undocumented migrants at a crowded stash house over the weekend in Chaparral, New Mexico. The stash house was discovered after Border Patrol agents arrested

seven undocumented migrants in what was described as a smuggling attempt near the El Paso International Airport. A total of 57 people were arrested. The incident was the third large stash house bust in the Lower Valley region of New Mexico.

SOURCE: 16 September 2020, [El Paso Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Minnesota – Man Faces Terror Charges for Allegedly Joining the Islamic State

(U) Minneapolis – A Minnesota man who is accused of joining ISIS in Syria has been returned to the US to face terrorism charges. Authorities said the suspect was vacationing with his family in Morocco in 2015 when he booked a flight to Istanbul, Turkey and then traveled to Syria. The suspect was recently in a prison in northern Syria along with other alleged ISIS fighters. While in the Syrian prison in 2019, the suspect told reporters he was recruited to ISIS through a Twitter contact and watched propaganda videos that showed ISIS members helping Muslims.

SOURCE: 16 September 2020, [Star Tribune](#)

(U) Washington – DOJ Says Five Chinese Nationals Hacked into 100 US Companies

(U) District of Columbia – Five members of an alleged Chinese hacking group have been indicted for their role in a scheme to hack into more than 100 companies in the United States. Two Malaysian businessmen have been taken into custody in a separate indictment and charged with helping those hackers profit from intrusions into the video gaming industry. Federal authorities advise that the hackers, part of a group known as “APT41,” were allowed to operate by the Chinese government, who made no effort to curb their activities.

SOURCE: 16 September 2020, [NBC News](#)

(U) Washington – US Charges Citizen with Providing Material Support to Islamic State

(U) District of Columbia – Prosecutors have charged a US citizen for joining ISIS in Syria. The charges allege that the suspect conspired to provide and provided material support to the terror group. Prosecutors also claimed he received military training from ISIS. The suspect was captured by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces last year and will be sent to the US to face charges. As of May, some 2,000 fighters were still detained by Syrian forces and another 1,000 were in detention in Iraq.

SOURCE: 17 September 2020, [Times of India](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iran – Two Iranian Nationals Charged in Cyber Theft Campaign Targeting Computer Systems in US

(U) Hamedan – Two Iranian nationals have been charged in connection with a coordinated cyber intrusion campaign – sometimes at the behest of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran – targeting computers in New Jersey and around the world. In addition to the theft of highly protected and sensitive data, the suspects vandalized websites using vulnerability scanning tools and other means to assess computer networks. Each suspect is charged with multiple offenses related to the conspiracy.

SOURCE: 16 September 2020, [US DOJ](#)

(U) Nigeria – Jihadists Kill 11 Villagers in Northeast Nigeria

(U) Kano – Fighters from the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) in several pickup trucks opened fire on Wasaram, killing eleven villagers and injuring 20. The insurgents had accused the villagers of alerting troops about their movement on their way to rob traders in the nearby town of Ngamdu. Soldiers intercepted the jihadists and engaged them in a gun battle, forcing them to retreat. ISWAP, which split from Boko Haram in 2016 and initially focused on attacking the military, has increasingly been targeting civilians, in particular abducting and killing motorists at bogus checkpoints on highways. SOURCE: 16 September 2020, [VOA News](#)

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